OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, OLD PUBLIC OFFICES, BANGALORE.

Press Note.

Malnad Forests to relieve Fodder scarcity.

The adverse seasonal conditions in the several parts of the State have created acute problems of scarcity for food as well as fodder. The problem has assumed alarming proportions, with reference to cattle on account of fodder scarcity.

Since forests act as great reservoirs of grazing resources to tide over the country in critical times, Government have already taken the most liberal measures as early as 1948 to abolish "Hul-banni" and permitted the free grazing of cattle practically in all the State Forests. But, unfortunately the prolonged drought has affected the grazing facilities and resources available in our maidan forests also, leaving to our succour only the malnad forests where, providentially, fodder is still available in plenty.

The problem now is to make this malnad fodder available to the famished maidan cattle. There are two ways of doing it. The first is to transport fodder to the cattle. This however, is beset with a number of practical difficulties involving the harvest of grass, its transport, storage and distribution. Apart from the cost and the economics of this proposition, it is the time factor that is involved in this operation that causes anxiety since the essence of this problem is to render the maximum relief as quickly as possible.

For these reasons the second alternative, namely, to move the cattle temporarily to the grazing forests is preferable. It is of course realised that all cattle cannot be moved enmasse from their homes to these temporary pastures. It is, therefore, suggested that the cattle needing fodder facilities be classed into two broad categories. The first category will consist of what may be called as essential cattle—those which are milking and which are used by the villager for his farming needs. These have perforce to be kept on the spot. The second category will consist of those which may be termed non-essential in the sense that they are not needed at the moment in the village. These can, with advantage, be temporarily moved on to the malnad forests.

Having in view the geography of the State, the non-essential cattle from Chitaldrug District can migrate to the Joldhal Forests while non-essential cattle from Kolar and Tumkur Districts can be moved on to Tarikere in Bhadravati Division from where they will be allocated and distributed amongst the several forest areas where grazing facilities are available. By this method, it would be possible to render immediate relief to the starving cattle in our distress areas. The Forest Department would give every facility for the reception and allocation of such cattle at the two receiving centres, *viz.*, Joldhal and Tarikere. Goats do not come under the category of "Cattle" for these concessions, and continue to be strictly prohibited from forests.

The migration of cattle over considerable distances naturally involves the provision of feeding and watering arrangements *en route*. Fortunately, the tanks and ponds are just now holding water on the principal march route from the maidan to the receiving centres, and it will greatly facilitate matters if this migration is completed while the tanks are still able to provide water.

In making these arrangements, there is no doubt considerable risk to forest crop as such in areas thrown open to grazing. This can be minimised and even eliminated if only the public co-operate with the staff of the Forest Department in protecting the forest crop. Government appeal to the public to co-operate in this respect and secure maximum benefit to their cattle without endangering forest wealth.

(P.N. No. 96—19-8-1952).

Press Note.

A remission of one half of dry assessment amounting to Rs. 40,037-11-0 and also suspension of the other half, is ordered in respect of the lands in 197 villages in Goribidnur Taluk, Kolar District, for the year 1951-52.

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Due to the failure of wet crops, under the atchkats of twenty-one tanks in Kolar Taluk, due to scanty rains, a seasonal remission of half wet assessment to the extent of Rs. 4,054-10-6 is sanctioned for the year 1951-52.

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A remission of half wet assessment to the extent of Rs. 235-4-0 is sanctioned in respect of lands under the atchkats of twelve tanks in Periyapatna Taluk due to failure of wet crops, for the year 1949-50.

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As a measure of relief to the Atchkatdars who have suffered on account of failure of wet crops under the Atchkats of 137 tanks in Bangarpet Taluk due to scanty rains during the year 1951-52, seasonal remission of half-wet assessment to the extent of Rs. 8,216-13-7 (Rupees eight thousand, two hundred and sixteen and annas thirteen and pies seven only) is sanctioned for the year 1951-52.

(P.N. No. 97—20-8-1952)

Press Note.

Water Level at Krishnarajsagar.

Reports have appeared in some of the local newspapers that the level of water at Krishnarajasagar has been rising and that it has reached 121'00 on 21st August 1952. This report is not correct. The level of the lake today is 100'05 and the inflow into the reservoir is less than the impounding limit.

(P.N. No. 98—22-8-1952).

Press Note.

As a measure of relief to the raiyats whose dry lands in Bagepalli Taluk suffered due to scanty rainfall during the year 1951-52, remission of one half of the dry assessment and suspension of the other half also, is sanctioned in respect of the lands in 204 villages in Bagepalli Taluk, for the year 1951-52.

The sum to be remitted is Rs. 33,995-11-3.

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Press Note.

Subject:—Correct method of addressing postal articles intended for delivery in Bangalore.

For purposes of postal delivery, Bangalore has been divided into seven zones as follows:—

1.	Bangalore H.O.	..	Bangalore–1
2.	Bangalore City	...	Bangalore–2
3.	Malleswaram	...	Bangalore–3
4.	Basavangudi	...	Bangalore-4
5.	Fraser Town	...	Bangalore–5
6.	Hebbal	...	Bangalore–6
7.	Agram	...	Bangalore–7

In order to ensure speedy and correct delivery of letters, etc., sent by post, the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department has requested that the correct zonal indications may invariably be given in the case of all mail matter addressed to Bangalore.

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Press Note.

Joy Flights during the Dasara Festivities.

With a view to create airmindedness in the people, the Government of Mysore have approved a proposal of the Government Flying Training School, Bangalore, to undertake Joy Flights during the coming Dasara Festivities, commencing from 20th September 1952 to 5th October 1952. The Government Flying Training School are also putting up a plane in the Exhibition Building during the Dasara Exhibition to provide an opportunity to the public to see an aeroplane at close quarters.

The Flying School will arrange Joy flights from Mandakally Aerodrome in Mysore. The rates for Joy flights are as follows:—

		Rs.
Short Trip	...	5
Over Chamundi	...	10
Over Mysore City	...	15
Brindavan Garden and back	...	25
Srirangapatna and back	...	25